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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: R&G C-388

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5): 10/517 735

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/GB03/02492

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: June 7, 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION: PIPE COUPLING COMPRISING A DIVIDED SLEEVE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Ian Richard WEBB and Neil John Thornton TAYLOR

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
 1. Copy of PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office
 2. Amendment Before First Office Action
 3. International Search Report (see Information Disclosure Statement)
 4. United Kingdom Search Report (see Information Disclosure Statement)
 5. Postal Card

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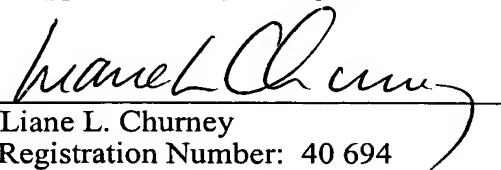
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Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

[] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	() LG Entity	RATE	(X) SM Entity	Fee
Total Claims	(15 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 50.00		x \$ 25.00	0.00
Indep. Claims	(1 - 3 = 0)		x \$200.00		x \$100.00	0.00
[] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$360.00		+ \$180.00	0.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 0.00

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